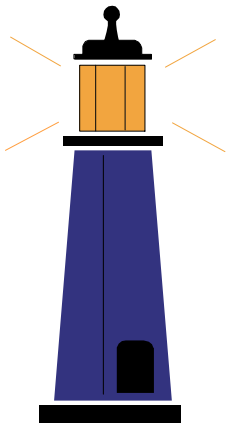


NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT



The National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 (NHLPA), P.L. 106-355, authorizes the disposal of historic lighthouses and stations. The Act amends the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and establishes a national lighthouse preservation program. NHLPA recognizes the cultural, recreational, and educational value associated with these historic resources by allowing lighthouse properties to be transferred at no cost to federal agencies, state and local governments, nonprofit corporations and community development organizations for park and recreation, cultural and historic, and educational uses.

For the first time, non-profit entities are on equal footing with federal agencies and other public bodies to obtain historic lighthouse properties. Non-profit organizations are encouraged to organize and incorporate prior to the official notice of available lights being issued. A group's financial ability to maintain the historic light station and adhere to historic covenants and other terms and conditions of the transfer will be given significant consideration in the review process. In the event no new acceptable steward is found, the act authorizes the sale of the property.

Eligible lighthouses and stations will be announced through a Notice of Availability, sent directly to interested parties, published in local newspapers and posted on the web. Interested parties who respond to the Notice within 60 days will be sent an [Application to Obtain Lighthouse Station Property](#). Completed applications are to be submitted to the Department of Interior within 90 days from receipt. Applicants will be provided the opportunity to inspect the property during an open house. Applications will be assessed on the merits of the preservation and use plan, and financial and management plan. Conveyance documents will include covenants for historic preservation and public access. United States Coast Guard personnel will have the right of access to maintain and service the aids to navigation equipment for active lights.

Agencies' Roles in the Process



Identifies and reports excess light stations to GSA.



Issues application to interested parties. Reviews & evaluates applicants. Selects no cost grantee.



Issues Notice of Availability to interested parties. Develops and executes conveyance documents.

For more information log onto: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/nhlpa.htm>